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Better let the Philippines alone.

Mr. Politz always looks for a bright future for Hawaii. And why not?

Why not observe Lincoln Day as a holiday whether Congress has made it legal or not?

Who would suggest to China that it should be above exclusion-law treatment, if not Japan?

Honolulu will grow despite the presence of a few speakers to leave the ample leaves of progress.

Special taxation for special purposes is advisable when the object sought can be obtained in no other way.

Mr. Fisher says this was a baseball town. Who can deny it after the record of attendance at the Rosen team games?

Hawaii will never be harmed through the appointment to Federal offices of first-class Americans from the mainland.

One week—and then the Legislature, of whose probable doings the people have nothing more definite than many bricks laid by to heave at the Governor's office.

Western States having blown off steam on the Japanese question, will probably settle down to the transaction of domestic business for which legislators were elected to office.

Abraham Lincoln was America's greatest citizen. Is Honolulu's recognition of the hundredth anniversary of his birth to be of a character that will show the people appreciate it?

Secrecy and the doubtful honesty of "diplomatic" methods will put the Governor and the Legislature at sword's points. Straightforward honesty will gain many victories for efficient government.

There is general regret that the resignation of the United States District Attorney should be sought, and until the facts of the case against Mr. Breckons are learned the people cannot afford to refuse him the benefit of the doubt, as to the reasons for the conclusions of the Department.

"No merchant in Honolulu knows how much to order for the trade four months hence." This prediction of great increase voiced by a local business man, states the fact. Let all give thanks that no merchant has to worry over how little he should order to meet the trade demands of growing Honolulu.

A few resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce on Philippine free trade might sound very nice, until the community gave them deliberate consideration and it was discovered that the Chamber had talked when it would have been much better for all concerned to keep quiet. It is generally understood that Hawaii is not opposing the ambitions of the Philippines. Let it go at that.

The absolute dishonesty of the local enemies of American government is nowhere better illustrated than in the false style in which they handle the form of commission government that is being adopted in many mainland cities. They try to make the people believe that the new scheme of municipal government is similar to the "Government by Commission" idea through which it is hoped to saddle Hawaii with a District of Columbia government. The new municipal plan of Des Moines and Galveston contains a feature utterly foreign to the aspirations of the local thumb-rule promoters—direct appeal to the people through the referendum. The Honolulu gang daily employed to discredit American government aim to get as far from the popular will as possible. They want the people ruled by the gang—not ruling. They are dishonest and they glory in it. Their influence is as far removed from the advancing moral standards of the mainland as could be possible.

U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

In view of the fact that the Governor of the Territory has for some weeks been canvassing names of probable candidates for the office of United States District Attorney, there is no reason to doubt that a vacancy in that important position has been and is now anticipated.

The man to fill this position should have the same general strong American character that is looked for in the man to properly fill the post of United States District Judge. He should know American law, of course. He should be able to appreciate the dignity of his position. He should be a thorough American—a republican, a believer in republican institutions as opposed to the monarchist.

LIQUOR MANUFACTURERS IN TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

Temperance preached by the brewers and distillers was the keynote of the convention of the Model License League held recently in the city of Louisville, Ky.

The prohibition wave sweeping over the country has put the manufacturers of intoxicants on their mettle, and some on the defensive. The people generally realize that the day of total abstinence is very far off and license of the sale of liquors will continue in some form. On the other hand, the evils of the saloon have aroused the public that those primarily responsible are joining with the temperance workers to wipe out the dive and punish the law-breaker.

The purpose of the Model License League is to discourage intemperance, enforce compliance with the law regulating saloons, and protect the business. As workers in the cause of temperance they will be watched with interest.

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In that it forbids only the manufacture and sale and not the purchase, possession, and use of wine, beer, and whisky. They contend, also, that where prohibitory laws are put into effect liquor manufacturers and dealers should be reimbursed for investments made under former laws.

The most striking part of the convention's resolutions is the following declaration: "As representatives of the brewing, wine-making, and distilling trades, and of wholesale liquor dealers, saloonkeepers, innkeepers, and members of collateral trades, we protest against all intemperance in the use of alcoholic beverages and against all lawlessness of every sort whatsoever in the sale of such beverages." The resolutions urge that treating be opposed by public sentiment and by the liquor trade generally. They recommend that the licenses of all retail liquor dealers who violate the law be revoked.

It is conceded by all that the power of the liquor interests is great. The delegates to the Louisville convention indicate by their action that they realize how perilous to their business is the lawbreaking with which it is so often associated. A persistent warfare by the League's members against vice and crime associated with the open saloon and an earnest endeavor to induce public officials to enforce the laws for the regulation of liquor selling would be likely to render it effective in opposing the anti-saloon movement.

ROOSEVELT'S NEWSPAPER FIGHT.

The prosecution by the Government of the New York World and the Indianapolis News for criminal libel will be one of the most famous cases ever brought before the courts of the country and it would be impossible for one to be more bitterly fought.

The Grand Jury proceeding is said to involve Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, as well as Joseph Pulitzer, editor of the New York World, although all the subpoenas gave the title of the case as the United States against the Press Publishing Company, which publishes the World. The Indianapolis News commented editorially on the World's publication of the alleged Panama Canal scandal, and in consequence its editor and proprietor, Mr. Smith, was assisted by President Roosevelt in a letter written on Dec. 1 to William Dudley Foulke and again in a special message on the subject which the President sent to Congress on Dec. 13.

Nowhere in the annals of the Government has such action before been taken as the United States Government suing for criminal libel. The President in his message was most emphatic in saying that it should not be left to a private citizen to enter the suit, and he was particular to state that he did not believe "we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the lying and libelous editorials, articles from correspondents, or articles in the news columns. The real offender is Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World." It therefore is inferred that the correspondents

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were summoned as witnesses and not with the ultimate idea of making them co-defendants.

In New York City subpoenas served on members of the New York World staff in the Panama libel case were practically suspended by consent of United States District Attorney Stimson, pending argument on a motion to have the subpoenas declared null and void because no defendant or particular action was specified.

Commenting on the suit, the New York Mail (Republican) says: "The prosecution would have been possible any time between July 14, 1798, and March 3, 1891, when the sedition act was in force. This act imposed a penalty of imprisonment for not over two years and a fine of not over \$2,000, for printing scandalous material concerning the Federal Government, the President, or Congress. An expression of shortsighted Federalism, it produced a violent reaction and was a large factor in the extinction and temporary bad odor of the Federalist party. A prosecution of the editor of the World would be an attempt, without the sanction of explicit law, to repeat the mistake of 1798.

"To say this is not to give countenance to the Panama scandal printed in the World. But vindication to the individuals libeled by that publication may safely be intrusted to public opinion, which, indeed, has already awarded it, and the way of redress—the old accepted and proper way—lies through the initiation of suits by individuals in the courts, if they care to undertake them.

"That is strange and, if we take it seriously, odious doctrine that a government in this country can bring suit against a newspaper which has offended it and use the public moneys and the public agencies to obtain redress—revenge, many persons would call it. Burke has said that you cannot indict a whole people. Similarly we do not believe you can libel an entire government or any department of government in its official capacity. Let the tenets of 'lese majeste' remain with the royal and autocratic traditions out of which they have arisen."

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PARK THEATER OPENS

In a blaze of glory the new Park moving-picture theater, on Fort street opposite the Convent, opened last night. The grounds were surrounded with myriad electric lights and the scene was a picturesque one. The manager of the theater has taken advantage of Honolulu's glorious climatic conditions and has left the roof off his amusement emporium. The success of the venture was demonstrated by the remarks of those who made up the audiences last night.

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